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Re: USSN 09/096,593  
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Dear Examiner Cook

Attached is a Supplemental Amendment for the above referenced patent application.  
Please call me if there is any additional information you need.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment is in response to a phone conference between the Examiner and Robin Silva on March 20, 2002, in which the Examiner requested that two independent claims be added, one that incorporates dependent claim 22 and another one that incorporates dependent claim 23. Although no fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-64559-3/RFT/RMS/RMK).

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 22 and 23.

Please amend the following claims:

20. (Thrice Amended) An apparatus for the detection of a non-nucleic acid target analyte in a test sample, comprising: